

House (Tract #516-1)
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Warsaw Vicinity
Benton County
Missouri

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 0.8 miles north of intersection of Routes 7 and KK, 2.8 miles east of Warsaw, Warsaw Vicinity, Benton County, Missouri.

USGS Warsaw West Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 15.462300.4233250.

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: A "T" in plan, formed by a two-story saddlebag with a one-story ell centered on the rear, this house is a good example of a type prevalent in the survey area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: circa 1880-1900. One piece of extant hardware - a mortise lock found on the remains of one of the front doors - supports this assumption.
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 14 Township 40 N Range 23 W. Montgomery Wright entered the land December 16, 1839. It was owned by J.B. Holway in 1904. Clarence Shireman sold it to Beryl D. Karr January 6, 1958 (239:379).
4. Original plan and construction: The house is a T in plan, formed by a two story saddlebag (two rooms on either side of a chimney; here, with a center stairway) with a one story ell centered on the rear (north). As is normal for a T-plan house in the survey area, it is entered through the head of the T, which has double doors.
5. Alterations and additions: The awkward treatment of the stairway, with one step in the rear room, indicates that the rear room is an addition.

B. Sources of Information:

Original and 1904 Plat books and Deed book 239:379 in the Registry of Deeds, Benton County Courthouse, Warsaw.

A telephone conversation with Beryl Karr, the most recent owner, had no productive results.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Good example of a two story saddlebag T-plan house, with the one story rear wing centered on the rear of the house.
2. Condition of fabric: Very poor. The house has been vacant for many years and doors and windows are missing.

B. Description of Exterior:

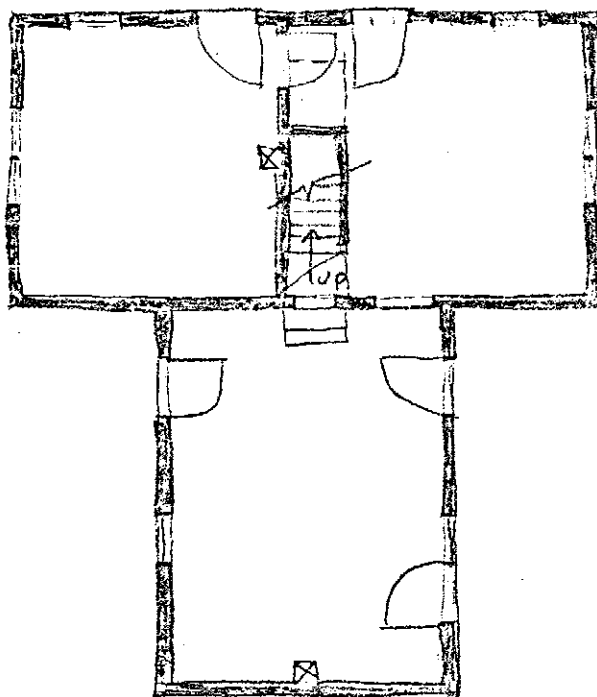
1. Over-all dimensions: This two-story T-plan house has a four-bay front, 33' wide, by 35' deep.
2. Foundation: Coursed rubble sandstone about 2' high, set directly on grade with no basement.
3. Wall construction, finish and color. Horizontal wood siding, unpainted.
4. Structural system, framing: Balloon framing.
5. Chimneys: The central brick stove chimney serves both rooms on both floors of the two-story front section. There is an interior brick stove chimney against the north wall of the rear wing.
6. Openings: Doors and windows are missing, and the openings have no trim.
7. Roof: Gable roof covered in wood shingles.

C. Description of Interior:

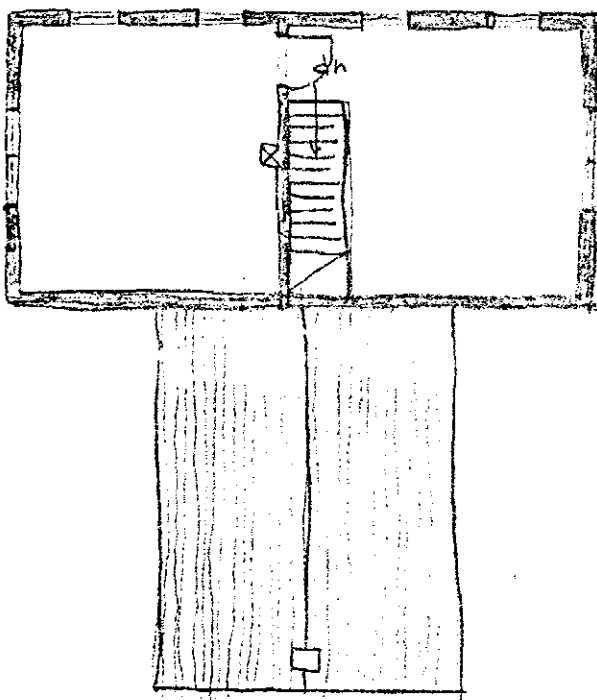
1. Floor plans: The house is arranged in a T with the head of the T as the front.
 - a. At the first level, the two front rooms each have their own front doors. The rear (north) addition has one room.
 - b. The second floor consists of the two rooms in the head of the T.
2. Stairway: The stairway is on the west side of the wall dividing the two rooms in the front section of the house. The landing at the rear of the front section opens onto the front west room and the rear wing. The stairway is enclosed by walls on both sides. The landing is divided into two steps by a diagonal winder; one step is located in the rear wing.
3. Flooring: Wood flooring, 3 1/4" wide.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls have wallpaper over plaster on wood lath and the ceilings have plaster on wood lath.

D. Site: The house faces south in an open field.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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